RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB

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ANNUAL REPORT

AND

Balance Sheet

For the Season 1918

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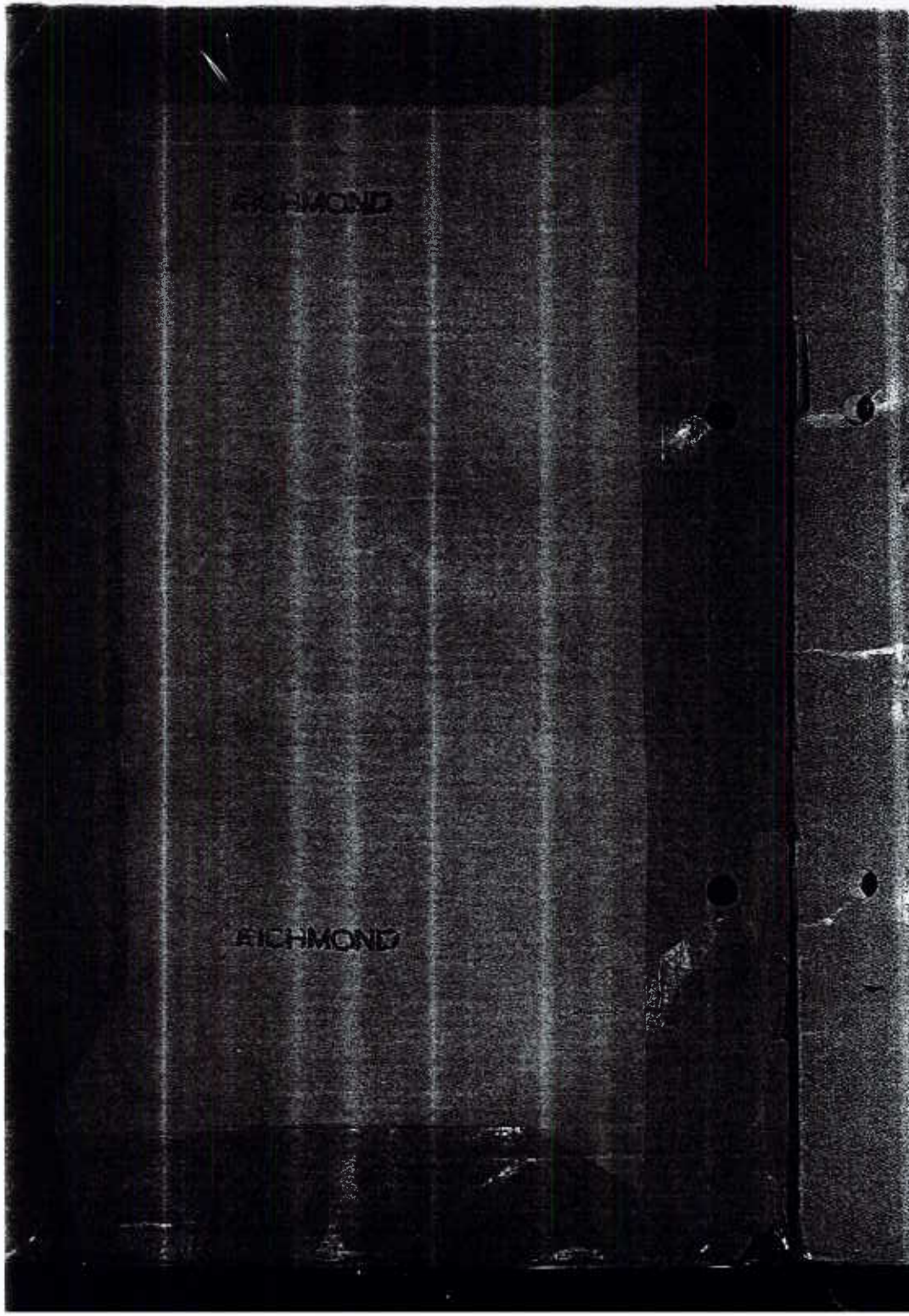
The Season at a Glance. Results of Matches for Season 1918



Richmond Football Club

OFFICE BEARERS 1918

President:
F. G. TUDOR, Esq., M.H.R.

Vice-Presidents:
E. J. Cotter, Esq., M.L.A.; D. Henry, Esq. (Chairman of Committee); J. Kenny, Esq., Cr. H. R. Palling; A. Tietgens, Esq.; A. Wood, Esq.

Committee:
Messrs. A. Aarons, J. Cook, T. Delaney, R. T. Kelly, E. H. King, G. McIntosh, W. G. Robertson.

Players' Representatives:
Messrs. A. Bettles, P. Maybury, S. Reeves.

Richmond Cricket Club Representatives:
Messrs. J. H. Broughton and H. H. Jones.

Delegates Victorian Football League:
Messrs. R. T. Kelly and W. A. Maybury.

Auditor:
G. D. Gill, Esq., Qualified Accountant, 48 George-st., East Melbourne.

Hon. Solicitors:
Messrs. W. R. R. Blair and Son, Royal Chambers, Elizabeth-st., City.

Captain: Mr. C. H. Hall.

Vice-Captain: Mr. S. Reeves (part of season), and Mr. W. R. Thomas.

Coach (hon.): Mr. B. Nolan.

Assistant Hon. Secretary: Mr. G. McIntosh.

Timekeeper: W. Baker, Esq.

Training Staff:
Messrs. J. Stokesberry (head), B. Jennings, M. Noble, G. Rainford, J. Watson. Hon. Assistants: Messrs. W. Tuck and F. Watson. Door Steward: Mr. D. Bauld. Boot Studder: Mr. F. Voigt.

Match Committee:
Messrs. S. Reeves, P. Maybury, A. Bettles, T. Delaney, C. Hall, B. Nolan, W. Thomas.

Finance Committee:
Messrs. A. Aarons, J. Archer, G. McIntosh, W. Maybury, A. Wood.
Hon. Treasurer: Mr. J. H. Archer, Swan-st., Richmond.

Hon. Secretary:
Mr. W. A. Maybury, "Shandon," 8 Union-st., Richmond.

'Phone: Cent. 3724.

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BALANCE - SHEET

SEASON 1918.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Richmond CRICKET GROUND on THURSDAY EVENING, MARCH 20, 1919, at 8 p.m.

F. G. Tudor, Esq., M.H.R. (President), will preside.

BUSINESS:

1.—Annual Report and Balance Sheet.
2.—Election of Office-Bearers.
3.—Presentations.
4.—General.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE BEARERS

SEASON 1919

President:

*F. G. TUDOR — A. WOOD

Vice-Presidents:

*E. J. COTTER
*D. HENRY
E. H. KING
*H. R. PALLING
*A. TIETGENS
*A. WOOD

Unopposed

Committee
(Seven to be Elected):

*A. AARONS	*T. DELANEY	J. R. DICKINSON
J. H. BROUGHTON	G. A. DANDO	*G. McINTOSH
*J. COOK	*R. T. KELLY	J. McSHANE
A. J. CURRAN	B. GOODWIN	J. MULCAHY

Players' Representatives on Committee
(Three to be Elected):

*A. J. BETTLES — *S. W. REEVES
*P. H. MAYBURY — J. SHAND

Hon. Treasurer:
*J. H. ARCHER (Unopposed)

Hon. Secretary:
*W. A. MAYBURY (Unopposed)

*Office-bearers Season 1918.

MEMBER'S TICKETS for Season 1918 MUST BE PRODUCED to Poll Clerk to entitle to Ballot Paper; 2/6 Tickets Not Eligible to Vote.

THIRTY-FOURTH

ANNUAL REPORT & BALANCE-SHEET

OF THE

RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB

To be presented to the Members at Richmond Cricket Ground on Thursday, March 20, 1919, at 8 p.m.

Richmond, March 1, 1919.

To the Members of the Richmond Football Club.

Ladies and Gentlemen,—

Your Committee, in placing before you the Thirty-fourth Annual Report and Balance Sheet for Season 1918, congratulate you heartily upon the greatly improved position of our Club from every point of view. We have increased our members' list by over 350. Our "Gates" show £65 more than last season, although we played a match less (14, as against 15), and our team also showed greatly improved form in their play; and by defeating Carlton on their own ground on May 18, 1918, we have now, at one time or another, beaten every team in the League, and we feel that we may therefore look forward to a successful season during 1919, and trust at our next annual meeting to have reason to record a still more promising season than that of 1918.

THE WAR.

In last season's report, in referring to the Great War, the last paragraph read—"That 1918 will see the close of this, the greatest war of all times, is the sincere, heartfelt desire of all." That desire is, we are indeed happy to say, now attained, and we sincerely hope that the great Congress of Nations' Representatives now assembled in Paris will be successful in speedily coming to an understanding that will secure the Peace of the World for always, and thereby make it impossible for any such terrible toll to be taken of humanity in killed and wounded as has been exacted during the four black, nerve-racking years that we have just passed through.

RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB PLAYERS AT THE FRONT.

Your Committee are indeed happy to report that since last year all of our gallant boys have passed through their various engagements, or "stints" as they call them without any serious results, no fatalities being recorded, and one and all they are eagerly looking forward to the time when they will once more be enjoying our National Game under normal conditions. Lieutenant "Hughie" James has gained further distinction, having been awarded a bar to his Military Cross, and the Committee, on behalf of the members, players and supporters of the Richmond Football Club, proudly congratulate him on his new honor, and hope soon to do so personally.

SUMMARY OF SEASON.

Taking the season right through, we undoubtedly showed a great improvement on Season 1917, as we won five out of fourteen matches played (and might have easily won four more but for a little unsteadiness at critical periods), as against three won out of fifteen played during Season 1917.

On May 11 we opened with a win against Essendon, but our form was rather disappointing, and not up to expectations. Mr. J. Archer provided a prize for best player, and the judges (Messrs. R. Kelly, J. Stewart and H. Gill) decided on "Clarrie" Hall (our captain).

May 18—against Carlton at Carlton—"The Day." Previous to this it had been the proud boast of the "Blues" that we had never beaten them since our advent to the League, and some of their sanguine enthusiasts moreover asserted that we never would beat them "while grass grew or water ran." How we beat Carlton from the jump, and knocked "Sanguine Enthusiast's" predictions "sky high," "endways," sideways and "anyways," is now a matter of club history. Our boys, playing a fast, dashing game, kept their formidable opponents hard at it from the first bounce of the ball and, always having a bit the best of it, ran out victors by five points, and as the final bell rang the great crowd of Richmondites present rose in the air about three feet off the ground and gave one final exultant shout that must have split or at least fractured the famous "Welkin" that has been made to ring so often by descriptive scribes. A "Red Letter Day" in the records of the Richmond Football Club, and undoubtedly the best game we have played away from our home ground. Prizes for best players were donated by Mr. A. Tietgens and Mr. J. Archer, and the judges (Messrs. Stewart, Broughton and Fayle) had a very difficult task to decide, but finally placed Bettles first, Herbert second. Bayliss also received a special prize from Mr. J. H. Broughton (Hon. Sec., R.C.C.) for his fine forward play, where he kicked five goals; and Weatherill also received a special prize for his good play, given by Mr. T. Delaney, of the R.F.C. Committee.

May 25—against Fitzroy, at Richmond—our lads put up a very disappointing game, as after our great victory against Carlton we expected to win easily on our ground, but the "Maroons" decided otherwise, and beat us easily. Several of our team were evidently suffering from their exertions against Carlton, and did not play up to form, their injuries hampering them greatly. Best player prizes were donated by Messrs. J. Cook (R.F.C. Committee), E. Cole and A. Wood (Vice-President), and the judges (Messrs. H. Palling, F. Smyth and P. Maybury) allotted them to Hede first, Hislop second and Weatherill third.

June 1—against Collingwood at Collingwood. A good game taken right through, and might easily have been won by us in the second half, as our team played up in first-rate style and we had the famous

"Magpies" fairly rattled, but a bad miss for goal on our part proved to be the turning point of the game, and we had to return home sadly ruminating on what "might have been" if we had only got that goal. Messrs. J. Archer and J. Kenny (Vice-President) gave trophies for best players, which were won by Hislop first, Herbert second. The judges were Messrs. P. Maybury, J. Stewart and J. Fayle.

June 8 we met Geelong at Geelong, and had a very pleasant time, indeed, beating Geelong on their own ground, after a real good game—a very good performance, indeed, as the "Pivotonians" are very hard nuts to crack on their own ground (one of the largest, if not actually the largest, playing ground in the League). Hislop won the prize for best player, given by Cr. Palling (Vice-President). The judges were Messrs. J. H. Broughton (Hon. Sec. R.C.C.), D. Stewart (Hon. Treas. R.C.C.) and H. Richardson (our previous season's player). A very pleasing feature of this little function was the vociferous cheering of all the other players when the award was announced.

June 15—against St. Kilda at Richmond. This match was a set back to our hopes, as after our win at Geelong we naturally expected to score on our own ground, but it was one of our bad days, and we could not get going at all after the first quarter, and we suffered defeat by 17 points. Messrs. J. Kenny and F. R. Murray provided the prizes for best players. The judges, Messrs. J. Stewart, J. Fayle, and W. Robertson (R.F.C. Committee) awarded as follows:—Herbert first and Weatherill second. Herbert also received a special prize, donated by Mr. T. Delaney (R.F.C. Committee). This prize was given on the condition that we won the match, but, in consideration of the good game put up by "Barney" Herbert, Mr. Delaney generously withdrew the condition and presented the trophy as above stated.

June 22—South Melbourne at South Melbourne. Another game below our true form. We have evidently stuck in a bad patch, and our hopes of the final four seem rather forlorn. A pretty good game until the final term, when South went out and home easy winners. It seems very remarkable, but the records of our club show that it is very seldom indeed that we play up to our real form at South Melbourne. On one occasion only have we pressed them and won the match on the play, but were beaten by the —— ("nuff sed"). Anyhow we have never beaten South Melbourne at South Melbourne yet, and that is another record we have to get, as we have beaten every club in the League on their own ground with the solitary exception of the "Lakesiders." Can we do it during the coming season? The prize for best player (given by Mr. J. Archer) was awarded to Thomas. The judges were Messrs. J. Stewart, J. Fayle and H. R. Palling.

June 29—against Essendon at East Melbourne—the "Water Polo" match. Teeming rain all day, when we literally "floated" home winners by a good margin of points. Football was out of the question, so the players indulged in fancy diving and other aquatic exercises, which were thoroughly enjoyed—by the onlookers, of whom there were very few indeed present. Our share of the "Gate" amounted to 16/10. A prize for best "player" was given by Mr. J. Archer, but so many showed equal skill in fishing the ball out of the various waterholes, rivulets and dams, which constituted the playing arena, that it was decided to put all names of the team into a hat and draw for it. P. Dooley was the lucky recipient.

July 7—against Carlton at Richmond. This was one of our best games for the season, and we only lost at the "death-knock" by three points. We were three points in front and three minutes to go when Carlton, in a lucky charge down, got it through our posts, and we had

RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB — SEASON 1918

RECEIPTS.

To Balance, Season 1917		£39	2 6
„ V.F.L. Final Dividend		212	10 3
„ Receipts Junior Matches		10	5 8
„ Home Matches—			
Essendon	£19 3 5		
Fitzroy	30 19 8		
Collingwood	35 11 7		
Carlton	29 13 6		
St. Kilda	37 8 2		
Geelong	12 3 8		
South Melbourne	36 7 8		
		201	7 8
„ Matches, Other Grounds—			
Carlton	21 0 11		
Collingwood	35 7 8		
Geelong	12 8 3		
South Melbourne	32 14 10		
Essendon	0 16 10		
Fitzroy	9 1 11		
St. Kilda	32 12 0		
		144	2 5
„ Membership Tickets—900 at 5/-, 105 at 2/6		238	2 6
„ Donations		18	15 6
„ Sale of Photographs		0	9 6
		£864	16 0

EXPENDITURE.

By V.F.L. Levy and Delegates' Fees		£34	11 0
„ Expenses, Annual Meeting		5	0 7
„ Printing and Advertising		28	3 0
„ Stationery, Postage and Telegrams		9	14 5
„ Material and Training Requisites		33	8 7
„ Uniforms and Boots		47	17 6
„ Medical Expenses		26	14 4
„ Photographs of Team		6	10 0
„ Auditor's Fee		2	2 0
„ Lighting and Heating		3	13 9
„ Wreaths		3	16 0
„ Expenses, Geelong Match		16	18 0
„ Payment Players' Out-of-pocket Expenses		10	8 6
„ Trainers and Doorkeeper		60	10 0
„ Boot-Studder		10	0 0
„ Refreshments		12	18 8
„ Travelling Expenses		28	3 1
„ Furniture and Fittings		5	0 3
„ Interest on Debentures		6	6 0
„ Life Members' Badges		1	7 0
„ Telephone Rent and Calls		5	5 0
„ Insurance of Players		35	10 0
„ Laundry		6	8 0
„ Umpire's Fee		0	10 0
„ W. Robertson (Wedding Present)		3	3 0
„ Certificates and Framing		6	5 0
„ Expenses Richmond Junior League Team		2	0 0
„ Honorarium, Hon. Secretary		25	0 0
„ Bank Charge		0	5 0
„ Donations—			
Richmond Junior Fd.	£4 4 0		
Vic. Junior F. Association	2 2 0		
Williamstown Juniors	1 1 0		
Collingwood Dist. F.C.	0 1 0		
Red Cross Badges	1 1 0		
Richmond United F.C.	1 1 0		
Argus Art U.	0 10 0		
Salmain Fee	1 1 0		
Anzac Well Fund	1 1 0		
French Red Cross Fund	10 10 0		
Welcome Rich. Ret'd Soldiers	5 5 0		
Richmond Juvenile Band	3 3 0		
Mont Park Comforts Fund	4 6 0		
J. Hughes' Benefit Fund	3 3 0		
Soldiers and Sailors' Ins. Fund	50 0 0		
Broadmeadows' Sports Fund	2 2 0		
Richmond Red Cross Fund	10 10 0		
J. McKenzie Benefit Fund	3 3 0		
Australian Comforts Fund	100 0 0		
Australian Patriotic Fund	50 0 0		
Serbian Canteen Fund	10 10 0		
Melbourne Hospital Appeal	10 10 0		
Red Triangle Appeal	3 3 0		
A.I.F. Overseas Sports Fund	15 15 0		
B'meadows Camp Footballs	3 6 0		
V.F.L. Patriotic Donation	23 12 3		
Richmond Creche	2 2 0		
Rich. Ladies' Benevolent Fund	1 1 0		
Rich. Unemployed Relief Fund	8 12 3		
Honor Board	15 0 0		
		354	18 6
„ Sundries		1	1 0
„ Balance		39	2 6
		£864	16 0

LIABILITIES.

Bank Overdraft Debenture Account, as per last Statement	£50	0 0
Auditor's Fee	2	2 0
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	134	0 6
	£186	2 6

ASSETS.

Debentures, Rich. Cricket Club—100 at £1 each		£100	0 0
Int. Accrued on Debentures to date	£22 10 0		
Less Utilised as Payment of Membership Fees to R.C.C. of 10 Promising Junior Players	10 10 0		
		12	0 0
Furniture, Fittings and Material		35	0 0
Cash in Bank	65 17 9		
Less Cheques Unpresented	26 15 3		
		39	2 6
		£186	2 6

This is to certify that I have examined the Books and Accounts of the above Club for the Season 1918, and in my opinion the Receipts and Expenditure Account, together with the Balance Sheet herein set out, represent the true position of the Club's affairs. Every assistance was rendered me by the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Assistant Secretary in the execution of the audit.

J. H. ARCHER, Hon. Treasurer.
W. A. MAYBURY, Hon. Secretary.

March 3, 1919.

GEO. D. GILL,
Qualified Accountant Auditor.

not the time to recover ourselves before the bell rang. We had led on the play all day, and it was very disheartening to lose the game. A little steadiness at the critical time would have saved us, but some of our players lost their heads, and consequently, the game. Mr. A. Wood (Vice-President) provided the prize for best player, and Judges B. Nolan, P. Maybury and S. Reeves awarded same to Hislop.

July 13—against Fitzroy at Fitzroy. A poor game after our great game against Carlton a week previous. This seems to be the usual order of things this season. The fact of it being a wet day with heavy ground and the ball very greasy, heavy and difficult to handle, may have had something to do with the poor showing of our team, who are evidently not "mudlarks." The only thing remarkable about the game was that Fitzroy beat us by exactly the same number of points that they beat us by in our previous game on May 25 at Richmond, so that at least we may claim to be consistent in these two matches.

July 20—against Collingwood at Richmond. Again we have to acknowledge a loss in a splendid game won by Collingwood's superior skill in shooting for goal. As instancing the luck of the game, in the first quarter we scored four goals one behind to one goal four behinds scored by "Wood." During the remaining three quarters we scored two goals twelve behinds to Collingwood's ten goals six behinds, leaving the final scores—Richmond, 6 goals 13 behinds; Collingwood, 11 goals 10 behinds. The prize for best player, given by Mr. J. Archer, was awarded to P. Maybury. The judges were Messrs. B. Nolan, J. Stewart and J. Fayle.

July 27—We were at home to Geelong, and had a very enjoyable game, winning the match fairly easily, our side playing very nice attractive football. Unfortunately, although the game was a very friendly one (as is usual whenever Geelong and Richmond meet), two of our best players—Bettles and Hislop—suffered injuries that kept them out of the game for the rest of the season. Both have since recovered, and are looking forward eagerly to next season's fixtures. Don played a fine game in this match and, in addition, kicked six goals. In recognition thereof the "Limericks" Social Club presented him with a trophy at the conclusion of the game.

August 3—We tackled St. Kilda at St. Kilda, and put up another very good game, losing by ten points, owing to superior goal kicking by "Saints," as the scores—10 goals 7 behinds to 8 goals 9 behinds show. Taking into consideration the fact that we were weakened by the absence of Hislop and Bettles, and also bearing in mind that St. Kilda won every match played on their own ground last season, this was really a tip-top performance on the part of our team. Mr. J. Archer's prize for best player was awarded to Weatherill. The judges were Messrs. M. Hislop, A. Bettles and B. Nolan.

August 10—Our final match for the season was against South Melbourne on our home ground. We were beaten by only five points, the game being in doubt until the last kick. This was a rattling good display of football, with honors even. As South were then minor premiers, and ultimately won the premiership of the League, this game must rank as one of our best for the season. We were again without Hislop and Bettles. Prizes for best players were given by Mr. J. Archer, "Limerick" Club (2) and Mr. C. Merrick (Hon. Sec. Richmond Rowing Club), and the judges (Messrs. Bettles, Hislop and Pailing) awarded them to Weatherill, Maybury, Alessio and Smith. A "golden trophy," given by Mr. T. Delaney (R.F.C. Committee), was awarded to Maybury for consistent play. Mr. C. Ricketts was the adjudicator in this instance.

The season thus finished for us with a distinct advance on last season's figures, and the form shown by the team in the last four games was very encouraging, more especially as some of our younger players were evidently just getting into their stride, so that we may confidently look forward to the opening season with every prospect of a good time.

Strange Coincidence.—Undoubtedly our failure to get goals was a great factor in our position on the Premiership List. It will be seen on reference to tally of goals and behinds for and against that we had exactly as many shots for goal as our opponents. Our score for the season was 96 goals 176 behinds (272 times over the opponents' goal line), the scores against us being 117 goals 155 behinds (272 times over our goal line)—exactly the same amount of play, but our opponents scored 21 goals more than we did out of the 272 tries which each team had at the goal posts. We were even on the play during the season, but couldn't get the "sixers" in the same proportion as our antagonists, and that made all the difference.

DONATIONS TO PATRIOTIC AND CHARITABLE FUNDS.

As will be seen on referring to our list of expenditure for the past season, we donated the very substantial amount of £354/18/6, mostly to patriotic and charitable purposes. This totals about £100 more than we received from the sales of all our membership tickets for last season, combined with our receipts from donations during the same period, and represents about 40 per cent. of our gross income for last season. This brings our contribution to various funds—mostly patriotic — since the beginning of the war to over £700. This is a very handsome total indeed, and one that the Richmond Football Club and its supporters may well refer to with pride and gratification, and the Committee desire to place on record their sincere thanks to the players of our team who, by playing for bare out-of-pocket expenses only during the season, were primarily responsible for such a satisfactory total. Our training staff also helped on the good work by working hard, sparing neither time nor trouble in their efforts, and at only half their usual remuneration so that they might assist in helping along the contribution, for which the Executive gratefully thanks them. In connection with this it may be stated that over £10,000 has been given to Patriotic and Charitable Funds by the Victorian Football League Clubs since the beginning of the war.

OBITUARY.

We regret to record the death during the past year of the Club's Honorary Dentist, the late Mr. C. A. McCreery, who met with a fatal accident whilst out motoring. Mr. McCreery's advice and services were always at the disposal of the Club when needed, and his sad loss will be deeply felt by all who were acquainted with him—"a real good fellow" and thorough-going supporter of all outdoor sports. We herewith express our deepest sympathy with his family in their very sad and sudden bereavement.

ROLL OF HONOR.

We are still receiving names for our Honor List, and with so many of our boys returning we are expecting a goodly number of additions. Appended is a list of the names of those (as far as we could get them to date of issuing report) Players, Old Players, Committee and Staff

who enlisted for active service. Any member or friend who is aware of anyone entitled to enrolment will oblige greatly by sending in name to Members of Committee or the Hon. Secretary:—

J. Arbrew	G. Hogan	P. O'Loghlen (Killed)
J. Bristow	E. Hood	T. Price
D. Beog (Wounded)	H. James (Wounded)	W. Quinn (Killed)
J. Burchell	B. Jennings	W. Rudd (Wounded)
M. Cronin	E. Keggin	E. Ruddick
T. Collins	B. Kiernan	A. Salton (Killed)
J. Coles	L. Lee (Killed)	J. Sheehan
M. Carter	H. Maynard	W. Sheppard (W'nd'd)
A. Danks	J. Marshall	W. Stott
S. Derrick (Wounded)	H. Milne (Wounded)	W. Thorpe
A. Eason	D. Moffatt	F. Twomey (W'nd'd)
W. Fildes (Wounded)	D. Mahony	A. Whitaker (W'nd'd)
J. French	G. McClean	H. Weeks
A. Fox (Wounded)	J. McDonald (W'nd'd)	T. Watson
G. Gibson (Wounded)	J. McNair (Killed)	H. Williams
V. Hughes	W. McKeone	C. Williams
F. Harley	J. McGregor	J. White
A. Harrison (Killed)	W. Nolan (Killed)	

LONG SERVICE TESTIMONIALS.

Messrs. A. J. Bettles and R. T. Hede, having now played for five seasons with our team, will receive framed certificates at the annual meeting. Both of these players have well earned this recognition, being hard and earnest workers on the playing ground, and first-rate club men in addition.

LIFE GOVERNORSHIP OF MELBOURNE HOSPITAL.

It being the turn of the Richmond Football Club to have the bestowal of the above honor, in consideration of the annual charity grant of the Victorian Football League, the Committee have elected Mr. G. McIntosh to the above position, and he will in due course receive the certificate of appointment.

RICHMOND CRICKET CLUB.

Very cordial relations have existed during the past season between ourselves and the Committee of the R.C.C., whose representatives on our Committee—Messrs. J. H. Broughton and H. H. Jones—have done everything in their power to help us in every way possible, and have shown by their attendance at committee meetings the very keen interest that is taken in the Richmond Football Club by our Kindred Senior Sporting Club.

"TIGERS'" SOCIAL CLUB.

During the past season the above Social Club was organised, with Mr. J. Cook as Hon. Secretary and Mr. J. H. Broughton as Hon. Treasurer, supported by a first-class working committee. Several very successful musical evenings were provided, to which members of visiting teams were invited, and everyone had a splendid time. A "Ladies' Night" was also provided, and was splendidly attended. Music and dancing and refreshments galore made the evening "the success of the season," and it was only the close of the season that prevented the Committee from having more of these very pleasant gatherings. During the coming season we are hoping (now that normal times are coming along again) to make the "Tigers'" Social Club a greater success than ever.

"RED AND WHITE" ON TOP—SOUTH MELBOURNE V.F.L. PREMIERS.

Our hearty congratulations are herewith tendered to the South Melbourne Football Club upon their winning the Premiership of the League with the accompanying Pennant and Caps. Taking their play throughout the season, they were undoubtedly the best team playing, being a remarkably well-balanced and consistent lot of players, and they rightly deserved the honor so well won. To Collingwood Football Club, the runners-up, we also extend our admiration, and desire to compliment them upon the really splendid efforts they made in the final match against South Melbourne to retain their hold on the Premiership they had so worthily won in 1917.

R.F.C. PLAYERS FOR 1918 AND NUMBER OF MATCHES PLAYED. MATCHES PLAYED, 14.

Herbert 14, Thorp 14, Weatherill 14, Hede 13, Shand 13, Bettles 12, Don 12, Hislop 12, Reeves 11, Hall 11, Bayliss 11, Gleeson 11, Rudd 11, Smith 11, Dooley 11, Thomas 9, Maybury 8, Alessio 7, Burke 7, Taylor 7, Briscoe 7, Fisher 4, Hood 3, Albress 3, Burchell 3, McCulloch 3, Spicer 2, Fox 2, Rigaldi 2, Stewart 1, Fell 1, Mulcahy 1, Fehring 1.

THANKS TO COACH OF TEAM.

The Committee desire to thank sincerely Mr. B. Nolan, who acted as Honorary Coach to our team throughout the season, his long experience of the game eminently qualifying him for that position; and his advice and tuition were of great advantage to our side, more especially to the younger players.

HON. LIFE MEMBERS' LIST AND SEASON OF ELECTION.

J. Charles 1895, J. Eastman 1896, J. J. Stewart 1897, A. Elder 1898, J. H. Egan 1899, W. Malone 1900, W. I. Bicknell 1902, C. Backhouse 1904, A. McNair 1905, G. P. Beachcroft 1906, A. Edmonds 1908, A. A. Manzie 1909, C. Whitaker 1910, H. Slattery 1911, J. H. Archer 1912, W. A. Maybury 1912, A. Tietgens 1914, G. McIntosh 1915, J. H. James 1915, R. T. Kelly 1916, W. H. Lohse 1916, B. V. Herbert 1917, P. H. Maybury 1917.

THANKS TO DONORS.

Your Committee sincerely thank all those who assisted during the past season in donations to our Club, more especially Mr. W. Branscombe, of Boosto and Co., for their welcome donation of the well-known "Parrot Brand" Eucalyptus Oil for training use throughout the season. This very welcome gift has come along every year since the start of the Richmond Football Club, and we again thank this generous firm for their long-sustained and keen interest in the welfare of our team. We also thank Mr. D. Stewart, of Upton and Co., for his highly appreciated gift of toilet requisites.

LIST OF DONATIONS.

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Messrs. Asher and Co.	2	2	0	Mr. W. Roger	1	0	0
Dr. Rosenberg	2	2	0	Messrs. Head and Co.	0	10	6
Mr. E. J. Cotter	1	1	0	Mr. J. A. Johnson	0	10	6
Mr. J. F. Turner	1	1	0	Mr. F. Howson	0	10	6
Mr. W. I. Bicknell	1	1	0	Mr. G. Newlands	0	10	6
Mr. E. H. King	1	1	0	Mr. C. R. Boston	0	10	6
Mr. H. B. Taylor	1	1	0	Mr. J. W. George	0	10	0
Mr. D. J. Donnelly	1	1	0	Mr. A. Wood	0	10	6
Mr. Jeffrey (Dimmeys)	1	1	0	Mr. D. Henry	0	10	6
Dr. P. M. Reid	1	1	0				
Mr. J. Garside	1	0	0		£18	15	6

BEST PLAYER PRIZES.

The Committee thank very sincerely the following gentlemen who came forward and provided the funds for above trophies during the season:—Mr. J. Archer, £3/13/6; Mr. T. Delaney, £3/2; Limerieks', £1/1/-; Mr. A. Woods, £1/1/-; Mr. J. Kenny, £1/1/-; Mr. H. Palling, £1/1/-; Mr. J. Cook, 10/6; Mr. D. Cole, 10/6; Mr. A. Tietgens, 10/6; Mr. J. H. Broughton, 10/6; Mr. F. R. Murray, 10/6; Mr. C. Merrick, 10/6.

TRAINING PRIZES.

The Committee desire to gratefully acknowledge their indebtedness to those gentlemen who so generously came forward with trophies for attendances at training. The list of donors of prizes and winners is as follows:—

	Won by
Mr. F. G. Tudor—Trophy value 21/-	B. Herbert
Mr. F. G. Tudor—Trophy value 21/-	W. Thomas
Mr. P. D. Scriven—Trophy	A. Bettles
Mr. F. Dowling—Pair of Best Boots	M. Hislop
Mr. J. R. Molyneux—Gold Medal	D. Don
Mr. J. H. Broughton—Trophy value 21/-	S. Reeves
Mr. F. R. Murray—Trophy value 30/-	V. Thorp
Mr. A. Tietgens—Trophy value 21/-	J. Shand
Mr. A. Tietgens—Trophy value 21/-	D. Gleeson
Mr. F. S. Smyth—Trophy value 21/-	H. Alessio
Mr. H. Palling—Trophy value 21/-	R. Weatherill

RICHMOND JUVENILE BRASS BAND.

This clever combination, under the able leadership of Mr. J. Dyamond, was a notable feature at our matches on our home ground, and their playing was a source of great pleasure to our members and supporters. We desire to thank them and their courteous secretary (Mr. W. Hockey), also their energetic executive for their valuable assistance during the past year, and trust we may be similarly favored during the incoming season.

THANKS.

To our training staff, who were one and all unremitting in their efforts to send our team out in "good nick," we feel that our grateful appreciation is due. To Mr. Driver (first aid), who was always there when wanted and whose skilled assistance was always efficient and valuable, we tender our very best thanks; also to Mr. W. Baker, who filled the important and responsible position of timekeeper in the most satisfactory manner. Mr. W. I. Bicknell, as press correspondent, also merits a word of praise. Thanks are due to Mr. D. Bauld for the tactful manner in which he carried out the duties of door steward. Mr. F. Voigt as boot studder was A1. Messrs. W. Tuck and F. Watson as boot assistants were always in attendance on Saturdays to help our trainers, and the Committee thank them for their kindness in so doing. Mr. J. Stokesberry, as head trainer, kept everything in apple pie order, and with his assistants—Messrs. Jennings, Noble, Rainford and J. Watson—had the training room always up to its usual high standard of efficiency. We desire to thank our old friend, Mr. Will Dunning, for his handsome gift of a framed photo. of our President (Mr. F. G. Tudor), which is now hanging in our club room along with numerous other specimens of Barroni's photographic art. We also thank Mr. J. B. Slattery (tailor) for his handsome gift to Arthur Bettles of a suit of clothes in appreciation of his consistent play during the season.

RICHMOND JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB.

This Club is now being formed to represent Richmond in the Victorian Junior Football League, which is composed of junior clubs connected with the V.F.L., Metropolitan Districts, and will play under the same district regulations as the senior clubs, and will undoubtedly prove of great assistance to the seniors in assisting to develop and perfect the younger players of the district, so that as time passes on they may take their place in the senior ranks.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Club will be held at the Richmond Cricket Ground on Thursday, March 20, 1919. The chair will be taken by the President (F. G. Tudor, Esq., M.H.R.) at 8 p.m. A ballot for the election of office-bearers will be taken from 7 to 9 p.m.

MEMBERS MUST BEAR IN MIND THAT VOTING PAPERS CAN ONLY BE OBTAINED ON PRODUCTION OF MEMBERS' TICKETS FOR SEASON 1918. 2/6 TICKETS ARE NOT ENTITLED TO VOTE.

At the conclusion of business a musical programme will be submitted, under the management of Mr. J. Cook. The Richmond Juvenile Brass Band, under the direction of Mr. J. Dyamond, will render selections during the evening.

On behalf of the Committee,

F. G. TUDOR, President.

D. HENRY, Vice-President, Chairman of Committee.

W. A. MAYBURY, Hon. Secretary.

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